

God himself is the most main thing.

## The Second Main Thing

JOHN 13:34-35 • CHART

Jesus' New Command (John 13:34-35)

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF • ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVED • DISCIPLES IF YOU LOVE

Jesus' Final Prayer (John 17)

FOR GOD TO BE GLORIFIED, BELIEVERS MUST BE UNIFIED.

The second main thing for Jesus is the

**UNITY** of his **FAMILY**.

ILL: KIDS ARE NICE BUT HATE EACH OTHER • HIGHER PRIORITY THAN LOVING THE WORLD!  
THIS IS A MAJOR PASSION OF MY HEART • COMING TO TOWN • TEAMM • CHURCH CONFLICT

-- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION --

Putting Family Second

Who is my family?

JOHN 17:8-9 ON SCREEN

The family is everyone who has **HEARD** and  
**ACCEPTED** the words of Jesus.

Why prioritize the family?

GROWTH OF MONASTERIES • ONE DAY, "I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE A VOW OF SILENCE."

LIVING OUTSIDE THE FAMILY: AGAINST JESUS' PRAYER • DESPITE FEELINGS, SPIRITUALLY EMPTY  
1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7, 11 • CHART OF THE SPIRIT'S FLOW • SOME FRUSTRATIONS WERE SPIRIT!

God's **HOLY SPIRIT** works in **COMMUNITY**.

WE REMEMBER THIS WITH THE METAPHOR OF FIRE.

## Take it Home

How do I prioritize God's family?

GALATIANS 6:10 • HEBREWS 10:24-25 • TIME, MONEY, AND COMMITMENT

Attend **WORSHIP** gatherings.

Give **TIME** and **MONEY**.

Join a **COMMUNITY GROUP**.

Become a **MEMBER**.

## Our Membership Covenant

GOD IS MY AIR:

In every aspect of my life, God comes first. His Word is my only authority. His Son is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity. Matt 22:37-38 (Gen 2:7 :: Acts 17:28-31)

Specifically, I have given my life over to Jesus as my Savior and Lord, I have followed him in the waters of baptism. I will submit my life to the mandates of the Bible, stand up for God's honor, and invest the first portion of my time, talent and treasures in the work of his Kingdom.

I AM GOD'S EARTH:

God is creating me. I started as dust, but I'm becoming like Jesus. I rejoice in trials and hardships because Christ suffered for me, and I am a living sacrifice transformed by the truths of God. Rom 8:29 (Rom 12:1-2 :: Gen 1:27, 2:7 :: 2 Cor 4:7-10)

Specifically, I will pursue opportunities for spiritual growth. I will root out sin in my life through regular self-examination and confession of sin both to God and to accountability partners, and in all areas of uncertainty, I will submit first to the clear teaching of the Bible, then to the leaders God has placed over me, and finally, after prayer, to my own conscience.

GOD'S FAMILY FUELS MY FIRE:

The Spirit dwells in me but his power is revealed in community. I intentionally prioritize Christian relationships because I have something to give and something to receive. Matt 22:39-40 (Acts 2:1-4 :: Gal 6:10 :: 1 Th 5:19 :: Eph 4)

Specifically, I affirm the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life and heed the guidance he gives through the counsel of others in this church. I will view this community as my spiritual family and offer my time, talent, and treasure here before serving or giving elsewhere. I will prioritize the weekly gatherings for worship and join a Community Group. I will pray for and support my leaders, love my fellow believers, and vigorously defend the unity of this church.

THE WORLD NEEDS MY WATER:

I have the Living Water in me. Infinite refreshment is mine in Christ, and I unlock it in me when I give it to others. I eagerly risk embarrassment to offer others the Living Water of Jesus. Matt 28:19-20 (Prov 11:25 :: John 4:1-41 :: Matt 10:42)

Specifically, I employ everything I am and everything I have for the benefit of others beginning in this church and extending to the world around me. To help others find full life in Christ, I will work to serve them, befriend them, share my faith with them, invite them to join me in this church, and help them know the gospel so they too can experience the life I have been given. I will rely on God to refresh me as I strive to refresh others.